



THE KENTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Tim Hanner, Superintendent of Schools

Attachment A

March 8, 2011

Dr. Terry Holliday and Kentucky Board of Education
Department of Education
500 Mero Street, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Commissioner Holliday and Kentucky Board of Education:

We were advised by Felicia Cummings Smith and Kevin Brown to have our Board of Education officially requested a waiver to the Commonwealth Diploma regulation for Scott High School Senior, Alexis Peace. I requested this waiver from our Board of Education on March 7, 2011 and it was approved. The reason and circumstances for this waiver request are outlined below:

Waiver Request for Commonwealth Diploma:

It is recommended by the Superintendent that the Kenton County Board of Education request from the Kentucky Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education, a waiver to the standard requirements for a Kentucky Commonwealth Diploma for Alexis Peace, a senior at Scott High School.

In order to qualify for a Commonwealth Diploma a graduate of Scott High School must earn 28 credits and successfully complete 4 AP classes which include Language, Science or Math, World Language, and an elective AP class. Alexis has not taken the required AP classes, however she has earned 30 hours of college credit from Thomas More College (GPA 3.8) and NKU (GPA 4.0) while a student at Scott High School. These classes include: Introduction to Japanese, Japanese (part II), English Literature, Writing and Research, Survey of US History to 1877, Introduction to Sociology, Intermediate Japanese, Topics in World Religion, Public Speaking, American Politics, and Writing Intensive Topical Literature. These college level courses which Alexis has completed with grades of B and above are equivalent in rigor and demand to the four required AP courses needed for a Commonwealth Diploma.

It is recommended that the Board request a waiver of the standard requirements for the Commonwealth Diploma from the Kentucky Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education for Scott student, Alexis Peace.

I am requesting that this waiver be brought before the Kentucky Board of Education for consideration at their April 2011 meeting. Please let me know if you need any further information, or if I need to have someone attend the April Board meeting to present this information.

Sincerely,

Tim Hanner
Superintendent
The Kenton County School District

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